REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-36 are pending.

The Office Action has imposed a restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-8 and 29-36 are drawn to a method and apparatus for designing a process, including generating high-level-code for a visual process, and transforming the high-level code into executable instructions via a compiler and an assembler, classified as class 717, subclass 106.

II. Claims 9-28 are drawn to a method for constructing a process in a visual environment, through the steps of manipulating and positioning steps corresponding to commands, classified in class 715, subclass 763.

Applicant elects claims 1-8 and 29-36 (Group I) without traverse. Claims 9-28 (Group II) are being withdrawn from consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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